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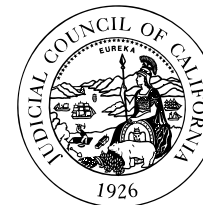
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Special Task Force on Court/Community Outreach

California Courts:

***Seeking ways to open
dialogue with the
communities we serve***

- X** To become more responsive to the public's needs
- X** To increase public understanding about the role of the courts

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Court/Community Outreach Task Force

The Judicial Council Special Task Force on Court/Community Outreach was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George in April 1997.

THE TASK FORCE CHARGE:

- ✕ Conduct fact-finding efforts that include surveys of court/community outreach programs in California and around the nation
- ✕ Identify areas of needed community outreach and the agencies or groups with which the courts could collaborate in developing a court/community outreach program
- ✕ Identify ethical constraints on the involvement of individual judges in outreach programs and activities

THE TASK FORCE WILL:

- ✕ Develop public information materials for use by judges and court staff in community outreach efforts
- ✕ Prepare recommendations for standards of judicial administration, rules of court, and other guidelines
- ✕ Prepare a handbook for model court/community outreach programs
- ✕ Conduct at least two regional training programs to train court personnel in creating and administering outreach programs

Examples of the Purposes and Types of Outreach Programs Being Considered

Program Purpose

Better court practices

Better public access

Increased public knowledge of courts

Program Type

Citizens' advisory committees
Futures commissions
Public opinion and exit surveys
Community volunteer panels
Teen courts

Telephone hotlines
Divorce workshops
Day-care facilities
Information kiosks

Courthouse tours
Citizen guides
"Meet your judge" programs
School outreach
Media outreach
Public service announcements

Public Comment Periods

The Special Task Force on Court/Community Outreach is committed to reaching out to the public and improving relations between the courts and the communities they serve. As part of this commitment, the task force will hold 30-minute public comment periods as part of each task force business meeting.

The public comment periods will allow members of the public three minutes each to voice their opinions about how the judiciary might improve its community outreach efforts.

Anyone wishing to address the task force, particularly anyone needing special services, such as spoken- or sign-language interpreters, should contact Ms. Shelley Stump, Planning Coordinator, at 415-396-9310, or her assistant at 415-904-2361, at least one week prior to the meeting.

Task Force Meetings Schedule

June 16, 1997

Sacramento
Doubletree Hotel
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 15, 1997

San Diego
Radisson Hotel
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 7, 1997

San Francisco
Administrative Office
of the Courts
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

October 20, 1997

Fresno
Four Points Hotel
by Sheraton
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

August 25, 1997

Los Angeles
Renaissance Hotel
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

November 17, 1997

San Francisco
Administrative Office
of the Courts
10 a.m.-3 p.m.